



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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EXAMINING GROUP 1634**

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SEPARATING LIVE CELLS
EXPRESSING A SPECIFIC GENE

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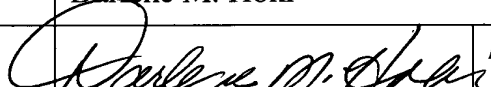
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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